

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on March 22, 2016 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
John Aforismo, Alternate, Clerk Pro Tem

Members Absent: Mark Raymond, Clerk
Chris Lyons
Jennifer Wolf
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate
Damien Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Aforismo read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Rare Reminder* on March 10, 2016.

APPLICATION NO. 4477-16. Joseph Massaro seeks to replace the existing signage with new signage in the same design which shall be one sided, wood, and have dimensions of 3'x4' at 75 Garden Street.

Joseph Massaro, 155 Fairfield Road, Wethersfield, appeared before the Commission. He would like to replace the existing sign with a new sign of the same material and size but with a different name on it. The sign will be one sided and made of wood. The sign will look exactly the same. Only the numbers will be carved. The letters will be screened. Photos were submitted.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4478-16. Ashley and Jordan Price seek to enclose the rear yard with fencing which shall consist of 4' wood picket "Madison" sections and 4' wood three (3) rail split rail sections with black wire mesh inserts at 118 Broad Street.

Ashley Price, 118 Broad Street, appeared before the Commission. A plot plan was submitted. They would like to install a split rail fence with black wire mesh inserts in the back rear of the house. The remainder of the fence will be the "Madison" style fence without the scallop. There will be one 10' wide gate and one 4' wide walkway gate. Photos of the gates were submitted. The fence will be natural cedar and will not be painted. There is an existing 6' stockade fence.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4479-16. Judith Melchreit seeks to relocate the existing bulkhead from the rear of the house to the northwest corner alongside the driveway at 357 Main Street.

Judith Melchreit, 357 Main Street, appeared before the Commission. They are repairing their patio and they would like to move the bulkhead to the side of the house as far back from the street as possible. They will have a new bulkhead made of unpainted Spanish cedar wood. The foundation will be exposed brownstone. Photos were submitted. The bulkhead will have black hinge hardware and a black handle.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

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Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey seconded by Commissioner Ovian and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a very nice sign on a very nice building.

Commissioner Ovian stated that it makes sense to approve it as submitted.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that the nice thing about a 4' fence is that you will still have the nice view.

Commissioner Ovian stated that the fencing around the rear perimeter has a minimal impact on the District. As far as the picket fence, that fencing is within the realm of the privacy style fencing they have approved in the past. People are used to the open view that's been there, but they will adjust.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's perfectly appropriate.

Commissioner Ovian stated that basement access is an accessory as long as it's not too imposing, they tend to approve them. It is on the utility side.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 2016

Left open until next meeting.

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2016

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the March 8, 2016 meeting as amended.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

1. Kristin will not be attending the April 12, 2016 meeting.
2. Reminder that the second meeting in April, April 26, 2016 will be at the Police Department Community room.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Aforismo and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Aforismo

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Aforismo
- Clerk Pro Tem-